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ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR IS IMMINENT

Russian Commander Recognizes Situation and Calls on Troops to Fight to the Last Ditch.

(By Associated Press.)

Port Arthur, Feb. 29.—General Stoessel, commander of the garrison here, has issued a general order directing the attention of troops and inhabitants to the fact that the Japanese intend to land and seize the fortress. The general declares that the Japanese consider the seizure of Port Arthur to be a question of national honor and from their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the fortress and bays he can only conclude that the enemy will make every effort to capture the fortress, failing which the Japanese will destroy the railroad and withdraw.

"The enemy, however," proceeds the order, "is mistaken. Our troops know and the inhabitants are herewith informed by me that we will not yield. We must fight to the finish as I, the commandant, will never give an order to surrender. I call on all to become convinced of the necessity of fighting to the death. Those who leave without fighting will not save themselves. There is no way out. On three sides there is the sea and on the fourth will be the enemy. There is no means of escape except by fighting."

Notwithstanding a heavy gale which is blowing, the lights of Japanese scouting vessels were visible in the offing during the night.

A Remarkable Parallel.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The Novoe Vremya today publishes a remarkable editorial on the parallel between Port Arthur and Sebastopol, pointing out that the ports are identically situated, Golden Hill corresponding to the Malakof, Dalm to Eupatoria, Admiral Alexieff to Admiral Nachimoff, and the Retvizan to the Tris Svetskellia. The editorial, however, warns the Russians to abjure fatalistic beliefs. Although written without the knowledge of General Stoessel's equally remarkable general order, issued at Port Arthur yesterday, the Novoe Vremya's editorial comes as a strong reinforcement of its purpose that Port Arthur must in no case be surrendered. Both seem to foreshadow a siege of Port Arthur and a bombardment, which a dispatch from Liao Yang says is rumored at New Chwang will occur tomorrow. Official opinion continues to be that the Japanese will make no attempt to invest Port Arthur immediately, although it is added that they evidently are determined to force matters as rapidly as possible.

Mikado's Army Ready to

Fall on Russian Flank.
Tokio, Feb. 29.—It is believed by the Mikado and his military chiefs that Japan's land campaign is now so far developed that a Russian invasion of Korea is practically impossible. This state of things, it is said, can be changed only by disastrous Japanese reverses in Manchuria. The strength of the Mikado's position in Korea is due to the fact that the roads south of the Yalu are held by his army, while large forces are ready to fall on both flanks of the Russians should the czar's troops begin to advance on a grand scale.

Having the enemy thus strategically enveloped, the Japanese intend to begin offensive operations the moment the weather, the roads, the harbors and other factors are thoroughly favorable. Had the war broken out in October events would have moved much more rapidly. Then weeks of fine, though cold weather lay ahead. Now the theatre of hostilities is swept by a succession of blizzards, freezings and thawings that sorely try the stamina of even Japan's veteran winter campaigners. The ravines and mountain sides are either snowbanks or roaring torrents. Some roads are im-

passable; the ice on the rivers is treacherous, and the landings all around the coast are difficult, and in many instances perilous.

Besides, caution is the keynote of the Japanese military policy in the present struggle. The government is aware that an exceedingly grave situation might follow disasters in the field. No one can foretell the time this war may last, and in the course of six months or a year Japan may have need of the confidence of the great financial communities of the world. However, it need not be imagined that any timidity or indecision threatens to affect the Japanese authorities. On the contrary, they are resolved to send forward their military forces in due course, with energy and daring worthy of their feats by sea.

Mikado Army Advances

Northward From Seoul.
Koyang, Feb. 29.—The Japanese army is advancing northward from Seoul. The following military experts are loud in their praises of the excellence of the details of the Japanese arrangements for commissariat transports:

General Allen of the United States army, tells me the infantry equipment and commissariat are splendidly adapted to the work the troops have ahead of them in Korea. The food arrangements are perfection. Each infantry unit has a detachable cylinder, 2 1/2 feet high and 2 1/2 feet in diameter, for fire, which heats a huge sheet-iron kettle resting on it. This again holds a perforated kettle cable of cooking enough rice and meat for a hundred men. Nine of these cook sufficient food for a battalion of troops.

The men carry pound tins of meat. Eighty of these tins make a box, and three boxes are carried on one horse, four horses thus carrying meat rations for one battalion. The rice is carried in 60-pound sacks, two sacks being a load for a Korean pony and one sack for a coolie. The troops carry a quantity of sodium sulphate for purifying the water for drinking. Each soldier carries an aluminum mess pan, containing two cooked rice rations, in addition to six emergency rations. The rice, which is dried in the sun and boiled, is wrapped in cotton bags, and weighs but a trifle.

Abused City Ordinance.

—McLean was arrested this morning on complaint of Harvey Olds, charged with a violation of the city ordinance in relation to the dumping of garbage into receptacles which are connected with the city sewer. The trial will take place in the police court this afternoon.

McLean was employed by Messrs. Olds and Tucker about their real estate office Saturday and while so employed emptied the contents of several cusplors upon a bath room floor in the building and cleaned the cusplors in the bath tub. Mr. Olds today swore out a complaint against McLean with the result that he was at once arrested.

THE LAST RITES.

Immense Outpouring of Citizens Pay Sad Tribute to John Havighorst.

The funeral yesterday afternoon of John H. Havighorst, Guthrie's well beloved citizen, was probably the most impressive ceremony of the kind ever witnessed in the city. The final rites were observed at the family residence at 422 East Noble and in the large assemblage that filled the house and overflowed on the spacious lawn were represented all ranks in life, the highest and the lowest, from chief dignitaries of the bench and bar to the deliverers in the ditches—a high

tribute to the sterling democracy of the silent dead.

In an atmosphere heavily laden with exotics that almost buried the casket from view the beautiful ritualistic burial service of the Episcopal church was read by the Rev. A. B. Nicholas, and a male quartette, composed of Stuart Briggs, Chas. Woods, George M. Green and Dr. C. B. Hill rendered "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Sovereign and Transforming Grace."

The pall bearers were Judge C. R. Brooks, Judge A. G. C. Heger, Henry E. Aap, H. F. Ardery, ex-Governor Barnes and F. H. Greer.

The funeral cortege to Summit View cemetery was solemn and impressive spectacle. At the grave the ceremony was brief, consisting of a simple prayer, with which the remains of one of nature's noblest handiworks were laid away in their final resting place.

A. G. BROWER'S VISIT.

New York Capitalist More Deeply Impressed With Guthrie.

Hon. A. G. Brower of Utica, New York, spent two days of last week in Guthrie. Mr. Brower is a capitalist and heavy stockholder in the Capitol National bank and is well known to the citizens of this city as a public-spirited citizen who has shown his faith in Guthrie by investing heavily in realty and securities. Mr. Brower's confidence and faith in Guthrie grows deeper with each succeeding visit. "This is destined to be one of the big cities of the southwest," said Mr. Brower.

America Negro Plot

Has Troubles of Her Own With Scrappy Morros To Rob a Southern Train Results Fatally all Around

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—General Wade, in a cablegram to the war department dated Manila, yesterday, advises the department of the report of General Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo on the 14th with the remnants of Hassan's Coita Moros. The American expedition was in charge of Major Hugh L. Scott. During the fight General Woods states, firing twice stopped to give the Moros a chance to surrender but they declined. The entire body, General Woods adds, with the exception of Hassan, is either dead or captured and Hassan is located. Second Lieutenant Eugene R. West, 15th battery field artillery, was seriously wounded in the thigh. A number of troopers also were wounded.

CITY ELECTION.

Registration Books Now Open at Office of City Clerk.

The registration books are now open in City Clerk Sexton's office and all citizens who desire to vote at the spring election must register on or before March 25 else they will not be allowed to vote. The books are opened between the hours of 9 a. m. and 12 m., and between 1 p. m. and 3 p. m.

The election of two members of the council from the First ward and one member of the school board from each of the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards, and one member of the school board from each of the five wards will be held April 5.

Already there are several candidates that are seeking the nominations.

COUPLE OF FIRES.

Department Kept Busy Answering Alarms Yesterday Afternoon.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to the residence of E. L. Hirsch on East Springer where Mr. Hirsch's barn was on fire. By the time the department arrived the fire was well under way, and it was with some difficulty that the fire was put out. The situ-

ation was somewhat dangerous as the barn was filled with grain and hay. Although the fire was kept from spreading the barn was rendered worthless by the flames. The loss is estimated at \$250.

Before the fire department had left East Springer a call was turned in from the oil mill, where hot cinders had started a small blaze in the engine room. Prompt action prevented a disastrous fire.

LOCAL POLITICS.

What Politicians in City and County Are Doing.

City Attorney Hepburn is still a candidate for probate judge. Henry Reynolds, it is said, will fight for the office of sheriff.

Chas. Griswold will be a candidate for commissioner from this district.

Bill Walker is hustling votes and insurance premiums. Bill sees some big risks and possibly a few losses in the first ward.

John Cotterell is a candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention and a rangely enough he is pushing his campaign on a singular issue. John hopes to win on the county high school proposition. He is attorney for the defense in the high school litigation yet claims he can pull the support of all the east part of the county by his antagonism to the high school. John argues that the east part of the county is against Guthrie on the high school proposition and John is "with 'em."

We have had a lot of unsatisfied longings, but we never longed for a fur overcoat. We wouldn't wear one.

FIRE FIEND NOW ATTACKS THE SEA

Not Satisfied With Devasting the Land the Demon in Red Invades the Domain of the Mighty Deep.

(By Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 29.—Captain Cousins, of the steamer Quosh, gave the following account of a disaster:

At 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning when we were westward of Tillamook light, on the coast of Oregon, on our way to this port, Second Officer Reese reported to me that the ship was on fire. I hastened from my stateroom and rang the fire alarm, soon getting all hands on deck. We started to fight the fire, which was located in the after saloon. We commenced playing water on the fire, but it continued to gather headway until the whole after-part of the ship was in flames. When it looked impossible to keep the flames in control I gave orders to clear away the boats, filling those on the starboard side with the women and children. At this time it looked

impossible to save the ship. Finally the starboard boats were towed into the water. One of them, in charge of Second Steward Savage got under the guard and was upset. I do not know how many people were in the various boats lowered, though there were possibly sixty. The boats were out in the open until 8:30 o'clock when, believing we had the fire under control, I blew three whistles signalling the boats to gather around the ship and by 9:30 all save those lost were on board again. At the time the fire was discovered the wind was blowing probably fifteen miles an hour. There was a nasty, choppy sea. I have no idea as to the cause of the fire. It appears to have burst forth very suddenly and but for the heroic work of the crew and passengers in fighting it the ship and all aboard would have been burned to death.

Garner, U. M. Jones, Arthur Moore and — Stuart.

LOCAL POINTS.

Cal Barton Burton of Orlando, has been brought to the city and lodged in the county jail on the charge of having committed rape. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 which he was unable to give.

George Brown residing two miles east of Guthrie on the Oklahoma avenue county road is just completing one of the finest and most extensive stock and feed barns in Logan county at a cost of \$1,000.

Governor Ferguson today issued a requisition upon Governor Latham of Texas, for the return to Caddo county of E. M. Fuller, who is accused of larceny of domestic animals, alleged to have been committed in that county July 6, 1903. The prisoner is now said to be under arrest in Browder county, Texas.

The Oklahoma supreme court will re-convene Thursday of this week.

The auditor today registered bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for the erection of a new county court house in Oklahoma county.

The Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company of Springfield, Mass., today appointed Insurance Commissioner William Grimes as their agent in Oklahoma.

The Eagles yesterday initiated a large number of candidates into the mysteries of the order. A number of residents of Perry were here to attend the initiation.

Three marriage licenses were issued Saturday as follows: Noble J. Speaks and Ella Johnston of Crescent City; Milton N. Norris and Elsie McGinty of Standard; Spencer McGuire and Mary Finney.

"Queen Victoria" Jones, alleged to be insane, was examined in Judge Goodrich's court today and in all probability will be sent to the insane asylum at Norman. She has twice been an inmate of the sanitarium at Norman but as her condition seemed improved was released. This will make her third trip.

County will arrive in the city tomorrow and begin work.

The district court convened today and proceeded with the trial of the Territory vs. Rotterman. The witnesses for the territory occupied most of the day with their testimony. Those who testified this morning were Mrs. Wellsford, — Kane, — Jenkins, —

Garner, U. M. Jones, Arthur Moore and — Stuart.

The township assessors of Logan yesterday was the hottest day of the spring season thus far. The thermometer passed the ninety degree mark.

The price of ice has raised twenty cents per hundred.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. J. Jordan of Perry, is in the city today, a guest at the Royal.

The Rev. H. A. Doty, presiding elder of the First Methodist church, arrived today from Okarche.

Major H. W. Pentecost, assistant bank commissioner, went to Red Rock today to examine the bank at that place.

M. E. Turner, the well known Oklahoma City banker, was in the city yesterday to attend the funeral of J. H. Havighorst.

Treasurer Rambo and Auditor Baxter will go to Weatherford tomorrow to attend a meeting of the board of education for normal schools.

"Smokeup" Pete Dalley, the notorious United States representative of Coal-gate's perfumes, is in the city. Careful mothers will keep their daughters within doors while he remains here.

The Rev. A. B. Nicholas left today for Oklahoma City where he will attend a meeting of the standing committee which examines applicants for admission into the ministry of the Episcopal church.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

The jury in the case of the Territory vs. "Butch" White returned a verdict Saturday at 4 p. m., finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. White was charged with the murder of his wife last December.

Judge Burford's Leap Year.

A banquet will be tendered Chief Justice Burford tonight by the members of the Guthrie bar. According to the calendar, Judge Burford is twelve years old today, as he has but one birthday every four years. The event will be treated in a way that characterizes affairs which only occur every four years.

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday morning for the "Andrews Opera Co." which will be at the Brooks one night only, Thursday, March 3d. Prices 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents.